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SUBJECT: SENATOR MANSFIELD'S REPORT ON VISIT TO SOUTHEAST
ASIA

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MANSFIELD'S REPORT TO SENATE, PUBLISHED IN AUGUST 26
CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, WAS POUCHED TO YOU TODAY.

FOLLOWING ARE TWO QUOTATIONS FROM MANSFIELD'S SPEECH WHICH
MAY PARTICULARLY INTEREST EMBASSY:

"AS TO FOREIGN AID, I BELIEVE THAT, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME,
CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING RELIEF AID
THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL AUSPICES,
NOT AS WAR REPARATIONS, BUT AS A DECENT GESTURE TO A POOR
COUNTRY IN A GREAT NEED THROUGH LITTLE FAULT OF ITS OWN."

"....., IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD SEND
AN AMBASSADOR TO LAOS, A COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE STILL
MAINTAIN FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE NOMINATION OF
GALEN STONE TO BE AMBASSADOR TO LAOS WAS CONFIRMED BY THE
SENATE NEARLY 15 MONTHS AGO BUT HE HAS YET TO BE SENT TO

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TAKE UP HIS POST. EITHER HE OR A REPLACEMENT SHOULD BE
SENT TO VIENTIANE. THE PRESENT COURSE SMACKS OF A PETTY
PETULANCE. ROBINSON

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